

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are currently pending.

Claims 1-21 have been rejected under 35. U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,982,771 to Caldara et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,658 to Mathur and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,644,577 to Christensen et al. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 21 have been amended in a manner believed to distinguish them from the cited references. As a result, amended claim 1, 8, 15 and 21 are now believed to be allowable. Claims 2-7, claims 9-14, and claims 16-20 depend from amended claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively, and by virtue of their dependence are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

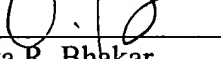
If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 05-0150.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-3215.

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